

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 562  
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A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Robert J. Smallridge on the  
occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in  
their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion;  
and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Smallridge is one such outstanding person whose exceptional  
work as Superintendent of the Oak Ridge Schools for twenty years has not gone unnoticed; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smallridge exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a  
great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, prior to his illustrious career as Superintendent, Dr. Robert Smallridge  
served admirably as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for six years;  
and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smallridge has always been a stalwart supporter for excellence in  
education and the well-being of our children; and

WHEREAS, throughout his meritorious tenure, Dr. Smallridge has supported the  
development of numerous innovative programs and improvements in the Oak Ridge Schools,  
including a Teacher Center, a student parenting center for teenage mothers, a family resource  
center, a before-and-after school extended child care program, an extensive writing program for  
staff, a new elementary school and the renovation of five existing schools, a strong middle  
school program and an alternative school year program; and

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WHEREAS, under his sagacious leadership, the Oak Ridge Schools have received state and national recognition for academic and sports achievements; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Smallridge has continuously demonstrated the highest ethical principles in all aspects of his remarkable tenure with the Oak Ridge Schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smallridge is an active and vital part of the community and his profession, participating in numerous civic organizations, including serving as co-chairperson of the United Way Campaign and as a charter member of the Oak Ridge Century Lions Club, of which he served two terms as president; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and respected leader, Dr. Robert Smallridge is held in the highest esteem by students, staff, the Oak Ridge Board of Education and serves as a role model for educators everywhere; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smallridge's adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to Dr. Robert J. Smallridge our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.